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SITUATION INFORMATION REPORTBlack Panther Party

A confidential source of a Government component who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that a student reportedly associated with the Student Strike Committee in Mexico City, spoke at a November 6 meeting of the Black Panther Party in Los Angeles. At the meeting it was agreed that Mexican students will be sent to Los Angeles for Black Panther Party instruction in disruptive tactics, construction of explosives and homemade incendiary devices, and the stealing of military arms. The Mexican students would then return to Mexico to apply their newly acquired knowledge. Source also advised that the BPP plans to send members to Mexico but the purpose was not indicated.

Travel of BPP members to Mexico and to Cuba has been noted previously.

Mark RUDD

Mark RUDD, former head of SDS at Columbia University, was cleared November 8 of a charge of disorderly conduct stemming from the student occupation last May 18 of a Columbia-owned tenement. The dismissal was ordered despite the plea of Assistant District Attorney Gershman, who predicted that the ruling would encourage others to demonstrate. RUDD still faces charges of riot in the second degree, inciting to riot and criminal trespass as a result of a protest at Columbia last May 22. RUDD identified himself as a former student and "now a lecturer."

Calendar of Tentatively Scheduled Activities of Possible Interest

"Asterisked" items are either being reported for the first time or contain additional or changed information on previously reported activities.

November 17

The Communist parties of the Soviet Union and fifty-seven other parties recently agreed in a meeting in Budapest to shelve plans for a World Communist Summit Conference in Moscow on 25 November. Another preparatory meeting has been called for 17 November to examine the date for calling the International Conference and the method of its further preparations.

November 17

*San Francisco, California - A rally in support of the twenty-seven enlisted men who participated in a sit-down strike at the Post Stockade of the Presidio of San Francisco will be held at the Lombard Street Gate to the Presidio Base. The rally will be sponsored by the RESISTANCE.

November 17

*Los Angeles, California - The "Newton-Cleaver Defense Committee" has tentatively scheduled a "Freedom Rally" at the L. A. Trade Technical School. Speakers are scheduled to be: Eldridge CLEAVER; Chas. GARY, leftist Chief Counsel for CLEAVER and Huey NEWTON; Melvin NEWTON, brother of Huey and Chairman for the NEWTON-CLEAVER Defense Committee; Oscar ACOSTA, Chief counsel for the "Chicago 13" and the Brown Berets; Rev. James DONALDSON; and Richardson WASSERSTRAM, Prof. of Law and Philosophy at UCLA and the rally chairman.

November 18-22

*Nairobi, Kenya - Forty American and African leaders from widely varying Governmental and private backgrounds will meet to confer on mutual problems. American participants will include two members of Congress, corp. Presidents, Government officials and news executives as well as civil rights leader Bayard RUSTIN and Prof. Chas. V. HAMILTON of Roosevelt University, co-author with Stokely CARMICHAEL of "Black Power: 'The Politics of Liberation in America.'" American participants are expected to meet President-elect NIXON on their return - to convey a sense of the attitudes expressed by the Africans.

November 18

Oakland, California - This date has been set for the trial of the seven young men under conspiracy indictment for their part in organizing the October 1967 demonstrations in front of the Oakland Induction Center. The charge against the Oakland Seven - "Conspiracy to commit a misdemeanor" - carries a maximum penalty of ten years imprisonment plus a \$10,000 fine.

November 20

Abbie HOFFMAN, Yippie leader, arrested and charged with defacing the American flag on 3 October during HCUA hearings has a trial date set for 20 November. He pleaded NOT guilty at his arraignment.

November 24

*St. Louis, Missouri - The New Democratic Coalition - dissidents whose protests splintered the Democratic Party before the election - plan to meet to prepare for a national "founding conference" in March 1969 - to organize to fight for control of the party.

November 25-Dec. 2 *The National Welfare Rights Organization (NWRO), a militant "welfare rights" group which claims 30,000 members in seventy cities has proclaimed this period as "national get it week." The highlight will be Thanksgiving Day, November 28, when welfare recipients will stage demonstrations to say "No thanks, America" for the inadequate dole they get.

NWRO announced a December "spend-the-rent" campaign in which welfare clients would keep their rent money to spend on basic needs not covered in their relief checks.

November 28.

South Bend, Indiana - The National Student Association Convention on White Racism is scheduled on this date. The University of Maryland formed a Campus Coalition Against Racism (CCAR) in early October. The research that will emanate from the CCAR will be used to represent the University of Maryland at the NSA Convention.

November 29-Dec. 1

A Hemispheric Conference to End the War in Vietnam will apparently meet in Montreal to develop coordination against U. S. intervention in Vietnam and the Americas. This meeting had earlier been indicated for 12-14 October. A planning meeting was held in Montreal on 7-8 September. A flyer issued in connection with the conference proclaims that approximately 2,000 people from throughout the hemisphere - over 1/4 from Canada will attend. Among the listed sponsors from the U. S. are the following:

Donna ALLAN & Dagmar WILSON
 Women Strike for Peace
 Julian BOND - Georgia State Assembly
 Southern Christian Education Fund
 Ossie DAVIS and Ruby DEE
 Prof. Robert GREENBLATT - NMCEWV
 Father James GROPP
 James JACKSON - CPUSA
 Rev. B ernard LAFAYETTE - SCLC
 Linda MORSE - 5th Avenue Peace Parade Committee
 Dr. Benjamin SPOCK
 Jarvis TYNER - National Chairman - W. E. B. DuBois
 Club
 John WILSON - SNCC .

It was indicated that the conference would deal with U. S. involvement in Latin America only so far as it affects the Vietnam War.

Delegations representing the Democratic Republic of Vietnam and the National Liberation Front will be present.

Initiated by a broad coalition in Montreal, the meeting will include activists from the U. S., Canada and many countries of Central and South America. Unification and expansion of the peace movements in these areas will reputedly be the conference's goal. Among speakers are to be:

Cheddi JAGAN, Communist former Prime Minister of British Guiana (Guyana) and David DELLINGER of the National Mobilization Committee. Communists, Pacifists, Negro militants, and liberals are included in the U. S. delegation.

Nov. 29-Dec. 1

Chicago, Illinois - The Young Socialist Alliance (youth section of the Socialist Workers Party) has called for a national convention of Revolutionary Socialists over the Thanksgiving weekend. Representatives from the German SDS - French FCR - Japanese Zengakuren and Socialists from Italy, England and some of the Socialist Black countries are expected. Purpose of the convention reportedly is to discuss building a serious revolutionary organization in the advanced industrial countries including the U. S. A.

December 1-5

Princeton, New Jersey - It can be anticipated that the U. S. A. will be soundly chastised as well as praised when more than eighty leading intellectuals from throughout the world will gather at the Institute for Advanced Studies to assess many of the problems that will confront the next American President.

Plans for the five-day seminar on "The U. S. - Its problems, Impact and Image in the World" were to be announced on 28 October in London and in Paris by Shepard STONE, President of the International Association for Cultural Freedom. The association is a private organization of scholars, writers, and men of public affairs that is receiving financial support from the Ford Foundation.

Dr. Carl KAYSEN, director of the Institute for Advanced Studies, and Jean-Jacques SERVAN-SCHREIBER, publisher of the French weekly, L'Express, and the author of the best-selling book "The American Challenge," will be co-chairman of the conference.

Stone said, "We hope that the incoming administration will be represented at the meeting as we shall gather some of the most articulate and influential critics and advocates of American policy.

Two Soviet scholars who have accepted invitations to the meeting are Anatoly A. GROMYKO, son of Foreign Minister Andrei A. GROMYKO, and Stanislav MENSCHIKOV, a director of the Institute of World Economy. Several distinguished East European scholars and writers have been invited. They include Milovan DJILAS (Yugoslavia) and Ivan SVITAK (Czech Communist Party liberal).

An American contingent of thirty-one participants will include a number of former Government officials - among them McGeorge BUNDY, George W. BALL, John K. GALBRAITH, Arthur SCHLESINGER, Jr., and George KENNAN. Among the British to attend are: Prof. Alan BULLOCK, chairman of the Board of the Association for Cultural Freedom; Alastair BUCHAN, director of the Institute of Strategic Studies; and Geoffrey MARTIN, chairman of the National Union of Students. A number of other European as well as Latin Americans will attend.

Perhaps not the least interesting of the other American participants will be: Lillian HELLMAN, playwright; Roy INNIS, Director of CORE; Daniel BELL, prof. of Sociology at Columbia University; Irving HOWE, editor of DISSENT; Edward SHILS, Prof. of Sociology, University of Chicago; Saul BELLOW, novelist; and Norman PODHORETZ, editor of Commentary magazine.

December 2

Bel Air, Maryland - The trial of H. Rap BROWN on charges of arson and inciting to riot in Cambridge, Maryland, had been scheduled with Judge Harry E. DWYER, presiding. (It has been postponed.)

December 2

*Oakland, California - The April 6, 1968, "Shoot-out Crowd" of the Black Panther Party have had their trial set for 2 December. Eldridge CLEAVER, Minister of Information of the BPP is one of the six defendants. All pleaded innocent to a variety of charges stemming from the shoot-out with the Oakland Police Department in Oakland. This was the confrontation during which Bobby HUTTON of the BPP's was killed. CLEAVER has been stating that he will not return to prison - that he will hide out in the black ghettos - and that he will kill anyone who attempts to imprison him. CLEAVER has been ordered to return to prison on 27 November following revocation of his

parole because of his involvement in the gun battle with Oakland, California, Police in April 1968.

An Alameda County Superior Court Judge on 8 Nov. rejected a defense motion to quash the indictments of Eldridge CLEAVER and the five other Black Panthers on the contention that six of the Grand Jury that indicted them did not represent the Negro Community. He set November 20 to decide whether the six would be tried together or separately for attempted murder and assault stemming from the April gun battle. CLEAVER is still free on \$50,000 bail.

December 5

New York City - The Guardian, self-styled independent radical newspaper, holds its 20th anniversary celebration at the Fillmore East.

Carl OGLESBY, an SDS leader, will be the main speaker. Entertainment is to include folk and rock music and speeches by other radicals - "a general onslaught of political information and entertainment, some serious and some absurd, leading to a radical perspective for 1969."

December 7 & 8

Task Force - the underground newsrag published in San Francisco - aimed at servicemen and veterans - carried a notice in its October 25 edition calling for GI actions December 7 and 8: "1. Organize - teach-ins, rallies, marches, discussions, GI dinners, etc. 2. Contact - Local vets, student anti-war groups for assistance. 3. Write - P. O. Box 31268, San Francisco, 94131, so we can inform you of what's happening around the country."

December 8

Tacoma, Washington - The GI-Civilian Alliance for Peace is planning a GI march for December 8, which it hopes will attract 5,000 demonstrators.

December 9

Los Angeles, California - The trial of Sirhan B. SIRHAN on the charge that he murdered Robert F. KENNEDY, has been delayed until 9 December on a motion by the defense. Superior Judge Herbert V. WALKER, the Senior Criminal Court Judge in Los Angeles County presided over the hearing and will preside at the trial. Judge WALKER, said, over prosecution objections, that he intended to sequester the jury, once it was sworn. He said that jury selection would begin December 9, and that if no jury was selected by December 23, he would recess the trial until January 2, 1969.

December 13

New York City - The National Emergency Civil Liberties Committee annual Bill of Rights dinner is scheduled for the Americana Hotel. The NECLC is the old ECLC rejuvenated with a new name. The old ECLC was cited as a Communist Front in 1956 by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee and in 1959 by HCUA. Featured speakers will be: Dr. Benjamin SPOCK and Dick GREGORY.

Corliss LAMONT is chairman of NECLC.

December 21

Washington, D. C. - The HCUA subcommittee after holding three days of open hearings into the conduct and connection of some groups and individuals in the DNC disorders is in recess until 21 December. Five of the seven witnesses subpoenaed have not been heard and are expected to return. They are David DELLINGER, Rennie DAVIS, Tom HAYDEN, Jerry RUBIN, and Abbie HOFFMAN. Robert GREENBLATT of the NMC and Dr. David YOUNG of the Medical Committee for Human Rights who testified that week were released from their subpoenas but could be summoned back.

January 1969

Guerrilla, an underground publication, recently proposed that in January 1969, independent revolutionaries hold a "Congress for Cultural Revolution."

"The Congress should be organized to include the independent revolutionary media, various representatives of the underground communities, and other independent revolutionary organizations and individuals who are interested in total cultural revolution whether they be activists, anarchists, poets and artists, or socialists.

- (1) The red and black should attempt to formulate a broad program of cultural revolution which includes an analysis of the tasks facing cultural revolutionaries from the point of view of the ecology, morphology and cybernetics as well as from the more traditional revolutionary informations.
- (2) Polarize the underground. The CIA and other intelligence agencies have begun to consciously infiltrate the cultural revolution via grants, fake poetry projects, magazines and the usual fronts. GUERRILLA believes it is necessary to name and define the counter-cultural revolution so that a conscious federation of cultural revolution may be built.
- (3) -The Congress should attempt to formulate its own 4-year plan of cultural revolution. Social

revolution as a weapon of cultural revolution.

Those interested in helping to organize a national CONGRESS FOR CULTURAL REVOLUTION may write GUERRILLA."

January 3, 1969

*Washington, D. C. - Prior to Election Day, the NMC had announced its intention to produce follow-up protests. One is scheduled for 3 January if the Electoral College fails to give a majority to any candidate and the choice of President is placed in the hands of the House of Representatives, or for Inauguration Day, 20 January if the "peace" movement believes the new President will refuse to change policies regarding U. S. involvement in Vietnam. It would seem that the January 3 protest will be cancelled as NIXON appears assured of an electoral majority.

January 3, 1969

Included in the new program allegedly adopted by the NMCEWVN (Chairman David DELLINGER) at a September 14 administrative committee meeting in D. C. - "Rally supporters to pressure the new House of Representatives on 3 January and the new President at his inauguration 20 January 1969.

January 18

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania - The Black Liberation Alliance, formed October 18-20 at Columbus, Ohio, by 50 dissatisfied members of CORE from five states will hold its first convention. Temporary officers were elected at Columbus. It was decided that the organization will strive for basic social, economic, and political change in the U. S. A. rather than reform. It will seek racial separation, black nationalism, and the formation of a separate black nation within the boundaries of the U. S.

January 20

The Youth International Party (YIPPIES) announced it will hold a "festival of life" at Washington, D. C., during the Inauguration of the President. Yippies contributed much of the disruptive activity at the Democratic National Convention with their "Festival of Life" there.

January 20

Jerry RUBIN (YIPPIES) has stated that he and his colleagues will try to make it rough for whomever is inaugurated President on 20 January. They will hold marches and parades and make an effort to bring their pig, Pegasus - whom they nominated in Chicago - into the White House.

January 20

Washington, D. C. - The Administrative Committee of the National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam (NMC) met on October 12 and 13 at the

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at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Approximately forty people attended; including David DELLINGER and Rennie DAVIS, NMC leaders; Sidney PECK, a former member of the Communist Party; and Arnold JOHNSON, a member of the CPUSA national Committee. The Committee decided that there was need for tight security against FBI investigations of anti-riot law violations. A working committee was formed to make plans for a demonstration at Washington, D. C., during the Presidential Inauguration.

January 20

Rennie DAVIS, NMC leader, recently announced to anti-war protestors that there would be a "massive convergence" of protestors in Washington on Inauguration Day.

March 1969

Appeal of the conviction of Dr. Benjamin SPOCK; Rev. Wm. Sloane COFFIN, Mitchell GOODMAN, and Michael FERBER for conspiring to urge others to break the draft law is expected to come before the Supreme Court in March.

On 4 November, attorneys for Dr. SPOCK filed a statement in the U. S. Court of Appeals that the conviction violated their constitutional right to free speech. They filed ten issues on which they hope to overturn the conviction, raising the question of whether conviction was "based upon constitutionally protected speech."

March 3

*Memphis, Tennessee - James Earl RAY, accused assassin of Martin Luther KING, Jr., switched from Attorney Art HANES to Attorney Percy FOREMAN, just prior to scheduled beginning of his trial 12 November. Although Attorney HANES said the switch "was a delaying tactic pure and simple," Judge W. Preston BATTLE said he had no choice but to delay the trial and it was postponed until 3 March 1969 - this date seems also to be a tentative one as Attorney FOREMAN indicated he didn't believe it would give him adequate time to prepare his case.

April 1969

The 19th Annual Convention of the CPUSA has been scheduled for this time.

SOURCES: Government and news media reports

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